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Approved For Release 2006/04/18 : CIA-RDP82-00457R014100340010-1TOPIC Military Information from Bad KoesenEVALUATION 25X1 PLACE OBTAINED 25X1 25X1DATE OF CONTENT 25X1DATE OBTAINED 25X1 DATE PREPARED 29 August 1952REFERENCES 25X1PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

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1. On 13 and 14 July 1952, an engineer camp and training area was east of the Bad Koesen-Loebischuetz road just south of the cooling tower in Bad Koesen. The area stretched about 1 km along the road and extended southeast in the woods.

Three low wooden buildings were at the north edge of the woods. Eight trucks were seen near these buildings on 14 July. Timber and wooden frames were seen nearby. About 50 soldiers organized into six groups were engaged in entrenching work in the section of the engineer training area north of the woods which could be seen from the road. An engineer training area, about 200 meters long and about 200 meters wide, was at the bend of the Saale River south of Bad Koesen and about 1 km from the Rudelsburg castle. A large shed and several small wooden sheds with open sides were in the area. About 20 pontoons were stored in the sheds on 13 July. Several bridges were being built on the bank of the Saale River. About 100 soldiers had bathed in the river and reassembled on the shore. On 14 July, the final sections of a pontoon bridge were on both sides of the Saale River and a middle section consisting of three pontoons was about 100 meters upstream. Three motorboats were moored. About 50 soldiers loitered about in the training area. *

2. On 25 July, the engineer training area in Bad Koesen was apparently only lightly occupied. The road through the camp which had always been blocked when the camp was occupied was open. a third training area just below the Rudelsburg castle on the Saale River. Sixty small pontoons were seen in one training area. There was an engine ran in each area. The placing of completed wooden sections by a crane was practiced at the middlemost area. About 60 soldiers were seen at the training area. each unit was assigned one training area. Each area had the same bridge building equipment. Two SU-76 guns were in the camp. Soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were seen in addition to soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets.

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25X1 * [] Comment. Though incomplete, the description of the training area
checks with available information.

25X1 ** [] Comment. It is not clear which place at the Saale River was referred
to [] as the third training area (sic). Two water training areas on
the Saale River were previously reported in addition to the woods camp and
the training area adjoining north. The two water training areas are on the
east bank of the river on the two bends of the Saale north-northeast and
south of the Zur Katze Inn. The 19th Indep Gds Engr Bn of the 8th Gds Army
and the 67th Engr Bn (US) of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div returned to Bad
Koesen from the Dessau training area on 22 June. [] 25X1
The present report indicates only a light occupation in Bad Koesen, and
gives the impression that the two battalions were not in Bad Koesen in late
July. []

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